GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Mid-Air Refuelling by Sukhoi-30 Aircraft
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sukhoi-30 fleet of aircraft were capable of mid-air refuelling technique and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such fleets are now not able to refuel mid-air and also they are facing mid-air engine failures, of late;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government has taken the matter with the Russian Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Russian Government thereon and the other corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) Yes, Madam. The Su-30 MKI aircraft is capable of being refuelled by an Air to Air refuelling aircraft or by another Su-30 MKI aircraft carrying a buddy refuelling strap on pod.
(b) & (c): The system is fully operational on regular basis and no instance of engine failure in the air has been reported in the recent past.
(d) & (e): Earlier there had been few cases of single engine landings. HAL had taken up the issue with Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) who introduced certain recommendations for HAL and IAF which have been implemented since October 2014 on all the manufactured and overhauled engines.

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